

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7-8, 11-15, and 17-20 remain in the application.

Claims 1, 5, 8, and 15 are amended to place the claims in condition for allowance as indicated in the Advisory Action and as further explained hereinafter.

Claims 3, 6, 9, 10, and 16 are cancelled.

Allowable Subject Matter:

The Advisory Action states on page 4 that claims 3, 8, 10, and 16 were objected to as being depend on a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

By this amendment, claim 1 is amended to include the limitations of prior claim 3. It is believed that this amendment to claim 1 places claim 1 in condition for allowance by incorporating the limitations of claim 3 as stated in the Office Action.

By this amendment, claim 5 is amended to include the limitations of prior claim 10 and intervening claim 9. It is believed that this amendment to claim 5 places claim 5 in condition for allowance by incorporating the limitations of claims 9 and 10 as stated in the Office Action.

By this amendment, claim 8 is amended to include the limitations of prior independent claim 5. It is believed that this amendment to claim 8 places claim 8 in condition for allowance by incorporating the limitations of claim 5 as stated in the Office Action.

By this amendment, claim 15 is amended to include the limitations of prior claim 16. It is believed that this amendment to claim 15 places claim 15 in condition for

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allowance by incorporating the limitations of claim 16 as
stated in the Office Action.

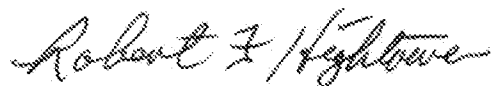
CONCLUSION

Applicant(s) made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for allowance. In view of all of the above, it is believed that the claims are allowable, and that the case is now in condition for allowance, which action is earnestly solicited.

This amendment results in four independent claims and eleven dependent claims. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-1086.

If there are matters which can be discussed by telephone to further the prosecution of this Application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney/agent at the Examiner's convenience.

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